

## **BROWN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Brown County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

### **Present:**

Randy Bani, Rachel Ballast, Peter Flucke, Chad Opicka, Michael Panosh, Cullen Peltier, Juliana Ruenzel, Andrea Schultz, Dan Sandberg, Bob Schuurmans, Tom Witczak, Justin Steinbrinck, Dan Van Lanen, Chris Blazek

### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

### **II. Approve Minutes**

Motion was made by Flucke and seconded by Schultz to accept the minutes from the October 2015 meeting. **Motion carried.**

### **III. I-41 Construction Update**

Schuurmans stated that this is the last year for I-41 construction and is scheduled to be completed in mid-October. He stated that reconstructs will slow down and roads will be in maintenance mode as there will be no increase in funds for big projects.

### **IV. Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task Force Update**

Panosh stated that traffic fatalities were up last year in Brown County as well as statewide. The OWI Task Force's numbers have been very consistent lately and that a lot are repeat offenders.

### **V. BOTS Updates**

See above.

### **VI. Fourth Quarter Traffic Fatalities**

Sandberg reported that fatalities have trended down since the OWI Task Force was started. In the fourth quarter, there was a triple fatal on December 31. There were 16 fatalities for the year 2015. The city had more than the county, which is opposite from usual. It was discussed that pedestrians need a safe way to and from public transit areas to avoid pedestrian accidents.

### **VII. Update on Community Maps**

Sandberg will have more on this at the next meeting.

### **VIII. Update on I-41 Sidewalk Discussion**

There is concern as to no sidewalks on Lombardi Avenue at I-41 near the Titledown District area. Sandberg expressed the TSC's concerns about this to the Village of Ashwaubenon administrator. He received a response from Allison

Swanson who stated they have talked to the Packers about adding a sidewalk on Lombardi when the Kmart area of the Titledown District is constructed and that they will request a sidewalk for the next segment that gets redeveloped from Marlee south to Argonne, but they don't anticipate that happening for some time. Sandberg stated he will keep on them about this.

**IX. Discussion on TSC Social Media Site**

Sandberg feels that it is important to have something about the TSC on the county website. It was suggested that Twitter and Facebook would also be good media outlets to post safety tidbits and general information from the TSC, including OWI arrests. A few people would need administrative rights to post on Facebook. Steinbrinck stated it would be simple to create a Facebook page for TSC. He stated for it to be effective, information should be released on a schedule and in a timely manner when something newsworthy happens. Motion was made by Witczak and seconded by Peltier to go forward with setting up Facebook and Twitter accounts for the TSC. **Motion carried.** Steinbrinck will get this started.

**X. Citizen Appearances**

None.

**XI. Other Business as Allowed by Law**

Flucke stated the DOT is hosting a pedestrian/bike training course April 19-20.

Ballast stated she would like road closures posted on Community Maps and the BCSO Facebook page.

Schultz stated she and Kim Hess are doing a car seat installation class February 15-18 with Grand Chute Fire.

Sandberg mentioned to Schuurmans that there is a chokepoint on STH 172 to I-43 SB after Packers games, causing a backup, and wanted to know if this could be fixed. Schuurmans stated that would be a multi-million dollar improvement and would be hard to justify for events such as this.

Sandberg also told Schuurmans about a letter he received with concerns about the speed limit on STH 172 that is supposed to be raised to 65 MPH after road construction is completed. The concern is that there is too much congestion on 172, particularly on the bridge with merging issues. The BCSO will be included in discussions when/if the DOT plans to do this.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office, 2684 Development Drive, Green Bay, WI.

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Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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